

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-3, 6, and 11-16 are pending in the present application, with claims 1, 11, 15 and 16 being independent. Claims 15 and 16 have been added by this amendment, which do not add any new subject matter.

Interview Summary

Applicants representative would like to thank the Examiner, C.J. Arbes, for the personal interview that was conducted on August 13, 2009. Applicants representative discussed the subject matter of the pending claims and the two new independent claims. The examiner agreed that all claims clearly distinguish over the cited art.

Amendments to the Specification

Submitted herewith is a substitute specification that adds sections headings and includes minor amendments to improve the readability of the specification. No new matter is added, and the entry of the substitute specification is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6, and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed on the ground that the claims are clear and definite in their present form.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6, and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being unpatentable over Arikado (US 7,047,632). This rejection is respectfully traversed insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims.

As noted above, the examiner agrees that the claims distinguish over the cited art. In particular, the cited art clearly fails to teach or suggest a pivoting part having two pickup elements whereby a through opening is arranged between the pickup elements. The dependent claims should be allowable at least based on their dependency from an allowable base claim. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Martin R. Geissler, Applicants' Attorney at 1.703.621.7140 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3828 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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